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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS SENIOR-LEVEL OBSERVATION PROGRAM FOR

UNDER-SECRETARY OF FINANCE FOR CUSTOMS, JORDAN

REF: STATE 137371

1. IN MID-JUNE WE FORWARDED INFITATION TO UNDERSECRETARY AL KAYED TO PARTICIPATE IN U.S. CUSTOMS SENIOR-LEVEL OBSERVATION PROGRAM. UNDERSECRETARY AL KAYED NOW PLANS TO TRAVEL TO U.S. IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER, AND WILL PROVIDE DEFINITE DATE BY EARLY SEPTEMBER. HIS ONLY SPECIFIC REQUEST ABOUT ITINERARY IS THAT HE VISIT DISNEYLAND WHILE IN LOS ANGELES. CUSTOMS SERVICE MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER INCLUDING NEW ORLEANS, CHICAGO OR OTHER CENTRAL U.S. CITY IN PROGRAM, SO THAT UNDERSECRETARY KNOWS SOMETHING BETWEEN COASTS. AL KAYED WILLING TO SPEND UP TO FOUR WEEKS IN U.S.

- 2. UNDERSECRETARY REQUESTED THAT HE BE ACCOMPANIED BY GOJ CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL. UNDERSECRETARY SEEMS TO UNDERSTNAD SOME ENGLISH, BUT HAS GREAT DIFFICULTY EXPRESSING HIMSELF. CCINC SHOULD WEIGH ALTERNATIVES OF ESCORT-INTERPRETER OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL GRANT FOR ENGLISH SPEAKING GOJ OFFICIAL.
- 3. PLEASE FORWARD ACCOUNTING DATA FOR THIS OBSERVATION PROGRAM. WE ARE AIRPOUCHING AL KAYED'S LETTER TO COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS ACREE ACCEPTING INVITATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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